

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, June 14, 2000

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GIBBONS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 14, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM GIBBONS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Father Christian R. Oravec, President, St. Francis College, Loretto, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

Lord, bless the Members of this House, chosen representatives of our Nation. Give them the wisdom and understanding, courage and patience needed for true leadership. Bless all our citizens today in celebrating Flag Day. May our flag, which adorns this Chamber and waves throughout our country and the world, serve as a constant reminder of Your gifts of life and freedom, justice and peace.

May this symbol of glory, old and still to come, fill us with pride in our achievements and humble compassion for those who suffer in any way. When we see it standing as silent sentinel over the graves of our servicemen and women, here and abroad, help us also to value the price of honor and self-sacrifice.

Lord, thank You for all your gifts, now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a

quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 352, nays 59, answered “present” 1, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 270]
YEAS—352

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Allen
Andrews
Archer
Armey
Baca
Bachus
Baker
Baldacci
Baldwin
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Barrett (WI)
Bartlett
Bass
Bateman
Becerra
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Biggert
Bilirakis
Bishop
Blagojevich
Bliley
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonior
Bono
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady (TX)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Bryant
Burr
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Campbell
Canady
Cannon
Capps
Cardin
Carson
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Coble
Collins
Combest
Conyers
Cooksey
Cox

Coyne
Cramer
Crowley
Cubin
Cunningham
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeGette
DeLauro
DeMint
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Fattah
Fletcher
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Fossella
Fowler
Frank (MA)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frost
Gallegly
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gephardt
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Granger
Green (TX)
Green (WI)
Greenwood
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)

Hansen
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Herger
Hill (IN)
Hilleary
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoeffel
Hoekstra
Holden
Holt
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hyde
Inslie
Isakson
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jenkins
John
Johnson (CT)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kelly
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kingston
Klecza
Klink
Knollenberg
Kolbe
Kuykendall
LaFalce
LaHood
Lampson
Lantos
Largent
Larson
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Lee
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
Lofgren
Lowey
Lucas (KY)
Lucas (OK)
Luther
Maloney (CT)

Maloney (NY)
Manzullo
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McCrery
McGovern
McHugh
McInnis
McIntyre
McKeon
McKinney
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Menendez
Metcalf
Mica
Millender-
McDonald
Miller (FL)
Miller, Gary
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Mollohan
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Morella
Murtha
Myrick
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Nethercutt
Ney
Northup
Norwood
Nussle
Obey
Ortiz
Ose
Oxley
Packard
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor

Paul
Payne
Pease
Pelosi
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Phelps
Pickering
Pitts
Pombo
Porter
Portman
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Rangel
Regula
Reyes
Reynolds
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Rush
Ryan (WI)
Ryun (KS)
Salmon
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
Scarborough
Schakowsky
Scott
Serrano
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherman
Sherwood

Shimkus
Shows
Shuster
Simpson
Sisisky
Skeen
Skelton
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Spence
Spratt
Stabenow
Stearns
Stump
Sununu
Talent
Tanner
Tauscher
Tauzin
Taylor (NC)
Terry
Thomas
Thornberry
Thune
Thurman
Tiahrt
Toomey
Traficant
Turner
Udall (NM)
Upton
Vitter
Walden
Walsh
Wamp
Watkins
Watt (NC)
Watts (OK)
Waxman
Weiner
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weygand
Wilson
Wise
Wolf
Woolsey
Wynn

NAYS—59

Aderholt
Baird
Bilbray
Borski
Brady (PA)
Capuano
Chenoweth-Hage
Clay
Condit
Costello
Crane
DeFazio
Dickey
English
Evans
Filner
Gutierrez
Gutknecht
Hastings (FL)
Hefley

Hilliard
Hinchey
Hooley
Hulshof
Jones (OH)
Kucinich
LoBiondo
McDermott
McNulty
Miller, George
Moore
Oberstar
Olver
Peterson (MN)
Pickett
Ramstad
Riley
Rogan
Sabo
Schaffer

Slaughter
Stark
Stenholm
Strickland
Stupak
Sweeney
Taylor (MS)
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Towns
Udall (CO)
Velazquez
Visclosky
Waters
Weller
Whitfield
Wicker
Wu
Young (FL)

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

Tancredo

NOT VOTING—22

Barton
Burton
Coburn
Cook
Cummings
Danner

Delahunt
DeLay
Hill (MT)
Hunter
Hutchinson
Jefferson

Kasich
McIntosh
Owens
Pomeroy

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

Sensenbrenner
Souder

Tierney
Vento

Wexler
Young (AK)

□ 1025

So the Journal was approved.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GIBBONS). Will the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LANTOS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1507. An act to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance abuse programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments, and for other purposes.

S. 2722. An act to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to Ed W. Freeman, James K. Okubo, and Andrew J. Smith.

S.J. Res. 46. Joint resolution recognizing the 225th birthday of the United States Army.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-181, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, appoints Ted R. Lawson of West Virginia to serve as a member of the National Commission to Ensure Consumer Information and Choice in the Airline Industry.

WELCOMING FATHER CHRISTIAN R. ORAVEC

(Mr. SHUSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with my good friend and colleague, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA), in welcoming Father Christian Oravec. Father Christian is the President of St. Francis College, one of the oldest Catholic colleges in America, which sits atop the Allegheny Mountains in Central Pennsylvania. He is the longest serving president of that college in its history, since 1977.

In addition to doing a superb job in serving our region of the country, Father Christian is a leader in the community. Indeed, he is deeply involved in 16 different civic organizations. Beyond that, he is a beloved parish priest. It is my great pleasure to help welcome him here today.

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SHUSTER. I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, let me add my welcome to Father Christian. My colleague and I share Father Christian. He is right on the border at one of the finest schools in Pennsylvania, and it is just marvelous to have him here.

His prayer was so good. He said the only problem is that they limited him to 125 words, and he can not say much in 125 words.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 1-minute requests on each side.

CALLING ATTENTION TO SERIOUS- NESS OF MISSING NUCLEAR SE- CRETS

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I call my colleagues' attention to an editorial in The Washington Post entitled Nuclear Nightmare: "Guarding the nation's nuclear secrets is about the most basic duty of an administration. The danger of nuclear proliferation is so serious that the United States bombs Iraq, sanctions India and Pakistan and kowtows to North Korea, all in an attempt to prevent weapons of mass destruction from falling into the wrong hands."

□ 1030

That unidentified hands could have quietly removed, at Los Alamos, two computer drives with information on dismantling nuclear bombs is shocking. That it should happen so soon after the investigation of other security labs makes it even more credible.

That is from the Washington Post.

Now, today we are witnessing the other side of the aisle having everybody sign up because they are worried about political attack ads. Is anybody demanding the information on potential nuclear attacks?

Now, over the last couple months, the Vice President has condemned everything our nominee has said as reckless and risky. Where is his voice on this particular issue affecting America's safety and security?

Yes, I agree we have to reform politics. Yes, I agree a Buddhist temple is not the right place to have a fund-raiser. But let us look at our nuclear secrets and find out and demand answers from Secretary Richardson, President Clinton, and the Vice President of the United States.

TACTICS OF KGB ARE UNACCEPTABLE

(Mr. LANTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, the KGB is back. Yesterday, the head of Russia's only free media was arrested; and as we meet here this morning, he is still in prison.

President Putin of Russia is in Madrid claiming not to know anything about this. He is either a puppet or he is a perpetrator.

I call on the Russian Government to release, without any further delay, the head of the only free media network in Russia. This is the network which reported accurately on the war in Chechnya. This is the network that can provide us with the hope of building a democratic society in Russia.

The tactics of the KGB are unacceptable in the 21st century.

HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN RUSSIA

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I also rise out of concern for the human rights situation in Russia.

Yesterday, the Government of Russia took a giant step backwards in human rights as Vladimir Goussinsky, the CEO of Media Most, was arrested, imprisoned and is at present being interrogated.

So much for freedom of speech and freedom of the press in Russia.

Mr. Goussinsky has been the most pro-Western and independent of Russia's media entrepreneurs and has rallied strong support for democratic reforms in Russia.

This arrest comes on the heels of the raid of Media Most offices several weeks ago and demonstrates how human rights, particularly freedom of the press, is deteriorated under the administration of President Putin.

The Putin administration has taken extreme measures to control information. Government officials report about the "problem" of the media giving airtime and print space to views of "terrorists."

Mr. Speaker, expressing political and religious views, even if it is in opposition to the government, is not terrorism. It is freedom.

I urge the Russian people to speak out against the latest abuse of freedom by the Putin administration and call on President Clinton to pressure the administration to release Mr. Goussinsky.

FACES OF GUN VIOLENCE VIGIL

(Mrs. McCARTHY of New York asked and was given permission to address